

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND in SKIPTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE

FRIDAY 26 – TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2016

Friday 26 August

Travel to Skipton: The main party are taking the 11.05 train from Kings Cross, changing at Leeds 13.16/13.26, arriving Skipton 14.09. Walk to accommodation. See map provided. If you are with the main party I will point you in the right direction from the station.

Accommodation: Details have been circulated separately. We are staying in six B&Bs in the town. Hopefully they will meet your expectations.

Meet at 4pm: at the bus station for an orientation walk around the town, canal and castle woods. This will end at the castle entrance in time for our 5.45pm tour.

Skipton Castle tour: Everyone except Danny, Mike and Heather is booked on this. Please make your way to the Castle entrance (top end of the High Street) by no later than 5.45pm. The tour should take about an hour and a half. Cost is £6.70 each. I will collect £10 cash from all participants so I can pay the castle in cash. The remainder will be deducted from your bills.

Evening meal: Own arrangements. There is a good choice of pubs and restaurants in Skipton

Walks: We will be walking in a different area each day. We have not been able to recce the routes so all timings and other details are approximate and subject to change. The Hiker routes involve hill/moor walking so please bring appropriate gear for all weathers. The Stroller routes also involve a bit of climbing (especially the Malham walk on Sunday).

Maps: OL 2 (Sat, Sun, Mon) OL 21 (Tues). We have a copy of each but feel free to bring your own. Maps showing the routes for some of the walks will be posted on the Club website.

Transport to walks: We have booked a coach for Sunday to take the strollers to and from Malham and the hikers will join them for the trip back. Hargreaves coaches (01756 752567). On Saturday and Monday we will use trains and public buses. Remember your national bus passes and senior railcards if you have them.

Lunches on walks: Hikers - please bring lunch with you each day and plenty of water. We will stop at a pub /café for a drink if available but we won't have time to stop for leisurely pub lunches. Strollers - there is more likely to be a pub or café stop but bring some food with you in case or check with Danny.

Saturday 27 August:

Hikers (leader Stuart) Bolton Abbey and Skipton Moor

Meet at Skipton Bus station; Bus X84 (destination Leeds) departs 09.45, arrives Addingham Chelker Reservoir 09.56.

Starting at the Chelker Reservoir we make our way via the River Wharfe to Bolton Abbey. We return to Skipton across the moors visiting the village of Embsay en route. Distance; 11 miles. Ascent 250m. Possible refreshments at Bolton Abbey/ Embsay but bring food in case.

Strollers (leader Danny): Settle to Horton in Ribblesdale

After a leisurely breakfast, meet at Skipton rail station in time to buy tickets and catch the 10.26 train to Settle, arriving 10.43. Buy a day return to Horton in Ribblesdale

The walk is linear heading north from Settle to Horton, partly following the Ribble Way. It is described as relatively easy walking on variable terrain. Pub stop at the Craven Heifer in Stainforth. Pubs etc in Horton. Return on the 15.51 or 17.48 train from Horton.

Own arrangements for evening meal

Sunday 28 August:

Hikers: (leader Stuart) Settle to Malham (linear)

Meet at Skipton rail station in time to buy a single ticket to Settle and catch the 09.48 train, arrives Settle 10.09.

A spectacular steepish climb out of Settle through a limestone valley, eventually levelling out to reach the limestone pavement near Malham, then heading to Gordale Scar (waterfall) and onto Malham village (pub and tearooms). A chance to view the natural phenomenon of Malham Cove at the end of the walk. Distance: 9-10 miles. Ascent: 550m. Bring a picnic. Join the Strollers for the coach from Malham back to Skipton at 5pm.

Strollers (leader Danny): Malham landscape spectacular

Meet at the bus station at 10am for your coach to Malham village (Hargreaves – 49 seater) (about 45 minutes) A circular walk taking in the impressive landscape including Malham Cove, the limestone pavement (can be slippery) and Malham Tarn. Distance 6.25 miles. Ascent: 250m (approx). Pub and tearoom in Malham village. Coach leaves Malham at 5pm for return to Skipton with the Hikers.

Own arrangements for evening meal

Monday 29 August:

Hikers: (leader Stuart) Pen-y-Ghent. One of the Three Yorkshire Peaks

The easiest of the three peaks to climb but steep and rough underfoot. From the village of Horton it is a steady climb to the summit at 694 metres. We can make a small side trip to visit the chasm of Hull Pot before descending through the limestone scenery to return to Horton village

Meet at Skipton rail station in time to buy tickets (return to Horton) and catch 09.26 train, arrives Horton 09.58. Distance: 6 miles. Ascent 460m. Pubs and cafes in Horton but nothing en route so bring food. Return on the 17.48 train from Horton.

Strollers: (leader Danny) Bolton Abbey to Hare Head Strid Wood and return

Meet outside railway station to catch bus 873 departing 10.15 (bus station 10.25), arrives Bolton Abbey Village Green, 10.55.

Riverside and woodland with a section over open fields and moors. Distance: 7 miles. Terrain moderate. Refreshments in Bolton Abbey grounds including the Strid Tea Rooms. Can be shortened.

NB. There are also gentle riverside walks in Bolton Abbey grounds for those who prefer.

Return. Bus 873 at 16.37 from village green (last bus)

Dinner: We are booked at Oakley's Grill and Pizzeria, 5 Albert Street, for 8pm.

You have pre-ordered your food.

Tuesday 30 August

Please ask your accommodation about leaving luggage

For those who would like a short morning walk, meet at Skipton rail station to catch the 10am train to Cononley (Leeds train, 5 minute journey). We will walk from Cononley back to Skipton, stopping at the Swan Inn, Carleton in Craven for lunch. Distance 5.5 miles.

The main party are on the 15.17 from Skipton, changing at Leeds 15.59/ 16.15, arriving Kings Cross 18.31.

Enjoy the weekend!

Gillian and Stuart

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Payment: You have paid a £50 deposit. We will invoice you on return for the balance for accommodation, coach, group meal as applicable. I will pay the accommodation bills in Skipton. Costs of accommodation were variable so in order to be fair to everyone I will average them out so that everyone in a single room pays the same and everyone sharing a double/twin pays the same.

